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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) By October 1, 2024, the joint
4 legislative audit and review committee in consultation with the
5 department of health, the department of social and health services,
6 and other appropriate stakeholders, shall conduct a performance audit
7 analyzing the on-site monitoring, state licensure, and validation
8 surveys performed on in-home services agencies as referenced in
9 chapter 70.127 RCW. The analysis must include, at a minimum, the
10 following components:

11 (a) An evaluation of:

12 (i) The current process that the department of health, the
13 department of social and health services, and area agencies on aging
14 use to perform oversight and surveys on in-home services agencies
15 including, but not limited to: The in-home services agencies subject
16 to surveys, the frequency of the surveys, and who is performing the
17 surveys; and

18 (ii) Auditing and monitoring assessment tools utilized during the
19 on-site monitoring, state licensure, and validation surveys with a
20 focus on analyzing how surveys are performed, the length of the
21 surveys, and the differences between the tools;

22 (b) A determination of whether the current auditing and
23 monitoring assessment tools are ensuring that in-home services
24 agencies are complying with state and federal laws and regulations;

25 (c) A determination if the current process and compliance models
26 are the most efficient available and accurately measured, do not
27 duplicate survey efforts, and ensure in-home services agencies are
28 complying with state and federal laws and regulations; and

29 (d) A review of any duplication of surveys conducted while
30 ensuring that the in-home services agencies are meeting the standards
31 outlined in state and federal law.

1 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall submit
2 a final report on their findings to the appropriate committees of the
3 legislature by October 1, 2024, and shall submit a progress report by
4 December 1, 2023.

5 (3) This section expires December 31, 2025."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "agencies;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and
8 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Clarifies the scope of the performance audit. Modifies
the requirement to make recommendations to allow for recommendations
as appropriate.

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